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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been learning about where food comes from"
Matilda – 3B



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 11th Mar	Science Week
Tues 12th Mar	Parents Evening EYFS - Year 5
Thurs 14th Mar	Parents Evening EYFS - Year 5
Fri 15th Mar	Comic Relief
Thurs 22nd Mar	Easter Assemblies
Fri 22nd Mar	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 8th April	School Reopens
Mon 29th April	Class Photos

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone that visited the Book Fair last week. We raised a fantastic £180.00 commission for us to spend on books for School.

World Book Day Meal Thursday 7th March 2024

We are holding a whole school themed dinner day for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. Please go onto Feeding Hungry Minds and choose:

A Pizza with Everything On It!

Meat Feast Pizza served with Monster Chips

The Twits Worm Spaghetti

Cheese & Tomato Spaghetti served with

A Place for Pluto

Dough Balls

The Runaway Peas & The Corn Maze

Mr Twit's Scary Hairy Cakes

Chocolate Crispy Bun



NEW ARRIVALS - Our eggs hatched!! We have seven lively chicks and our children are enjoying looking after them. This is just one of the many opportunities for children to experience 'awe and wonder' at Hendal Primary School.



Easter Raffle - We are having an Easter Raffle. Tickets were sent out last week. Please remember to return your tickets back to school along with £1 per ticket to win an amazing Easter Treat.



8-17 March
**British
Science
Week
2024**



Celebrating the diverse people and careers in science & engineering

**#SMASHING
STEREOTYPES**

@ScienceWeekUK

Next week we will be celebrating British Science Week. This year's theme is "Time". Children across School will be participating in investigations and we will also make different timers to use during their experiments including sand timers, pendulum clocks and water timers. We will also be breaking down stereotypes by learning about famous scientists and also how much Science impacts our every day life such as cooking, gardening, using a car to name only a few.

PARENTS EVENING

TUESDAY 12TH MARCH & THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 2023



Face to face Teacher/Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 12th March and Thursday 14th March from 3.30pm for Reception to Year 5. You will be able to book appointments through ParentMail from 7am on Friday 23rd February 2024.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2024



This year for World Book Day children can bring two books to School, one should be a favourite book and the second book should be one that the children are happy to swap in our book swap. There will also be an assembly led by our Reading Leaders and a competition to re-design a book cover. Children can also come dressed as their favourite character. Homemade costumes can be fun to make together and as long as it gives a flavour of the character you don't need to spend a lot of money on them e.g. a black top, black trousers, ears on a headband and a black tail for Mog the Cat.

EASTER ASSEMBLIES

Our Easter Assemblies will take place on:

Years 1, 2 & 3 at 1.30pm on Thursday 21st March 2024

Years 4, 5 & 6 at 2.15pm on Thursday 21st March 2024

More information about tickets will follow shortly.



Nursery Visit To Sandal Castle

Our Nursery children had a wonderful time visiting Sandal Castle last Thursday. The children showed their resilience by climbing to the top of the hill whilst singing 'The Grand Old Duke of York'. The children were very well behaved on the coach. Thank you to our Early Years Team for organising such a valuable experience.



DIFFERENT FAMILIES SAME LOVE

After Easter we will be celebrating the diversity of our families. If you would like to send a photograph that represents your child's family we would like to display them in the hall, some children may want to bring in two photographs. Please see attached our "Stone Wall Resources" that show how families can look different for each child.



Eco School Council

A huge well done to our Eco School Council who collected three bags of rubbish on our first litter pick of the year. We will be back out next month as there is still so much to do. Please keep Hendal tidy.



Year 1 New Library Opening



Year 1 parents please come and join us on Friday morning at School drop off from 8.50am-9.10am. We would like you to join us for the opening of our newly stocked Library. School have purchased over 200 new books for Year 1 to excite and engage the children in early reading and reading for pleasure.

Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs K Ashton (Headteacher), Mr D Benson (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs R Knowles (Assistant Head Teacher, SENCO & Early Years Foundation Leader), Mrs R Betham Teacher, Miss A Walsh Learning Mentor Safeguarding Governor, Mrs A Spiers (Chair of Governors - aspiers@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk) If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children you can contact Social Care Direct on 0345 850 3503

Attendance Tracking



Hendal Primary School
Belong, Aspire, Achieve.



Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	91.0%
Penguin (6B)	95.4%
Zebra (5A)	88.6%
Falcon (5B)	98.6%
Rhinoceros (4A)	96.2%
Koala (4B)	96.4%
Orca (3A)	96.7%
Giraffe (3B)	93.6%
Toucan (2A)	93.6%
Flamingo (2B)	92.3%
Tiger (1A)	97.2%
Panda (1B)	95.5%
Lions 1 (UF1)	97.4%
Lions 2 (UF2)	94.6%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 26th February 2024.

ATTENDANCE

If a class gets 100% they are allowed to come in non school uniform the following Friday. Children love trying to achieve this and we would be grateful if you could support us with this.

ATTENDANCE CLASS LEADERS

3A	Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term.
3B	Termly reward of a golden hour on last day of term.
6B	Whole School yearly reward of a visit by the Ice Cream van.

LATE ARRIVALS

8 children arrived late last week - this means that they lost valuable learning time and did not get the best possible start to the school day. Why not bring your child to our breakfast club to make sure they are at school ready to start lessons on time every day.

At Hendal Primary School we are dedicated to ensuring that each child has the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability and reach their full potential. To achieve this it is vital that children attend school every day, and arrive on time.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

ATTENDANCE INDICATORS

Below 90%	Unacceptable persistent absence - serious cause for concern.
90-94.99%	Cause for concern - less chance of progression
95-97.99%	Satisfactory - room for improvement
98-99.99%	Good
100%	Excellent

Attendance as at
1st March 2024

94.8% (Target 100%)

Year So Far

94.5%

Star of the week

Class	Star of the Week	Class	Star of the Week
Llama (6A)	Letty	Toucan (2A)	Max
Penguin (6B)	Lexi	Flamingo (2B)	Iby
Zebra (5A)	Favour	Tiger (1A)	Rosie
Falcon (5B)	Denan	Panda (1B)	Opal
Rhinoceros (4A)	Della-Rose	Lions (UF1)	Arya
Koala (4B)	Alex	Lions (UF2)	Kyle
Orca (3A)	Amy	Lion Cubs	Emily
Giraffe (3B)	Jake	Lion Cubs	Leonardas